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REPORT

To Our Readers - Owners

JOLLY GOOD SHOT!

That story sticks in one's head about the British officer in command of a ship which had been struck by a submarine's missile who looked down from the sinking deck of his vessel and said admiringly, "That was a jolly good shot, old boy!"

Spirit of sportsmanship, and all that bally sort of thing y'know.

And though one of Trick; Dick Nixon's recent performances isn't in much danger of sinking our ship, why not in the same spirit of good sportsmanship praise the man who makes a particularly smooth wormy squirm out of a difficulty?

He did show great skill worming out of a question by student editors on a television show recently. For when asked what he thought of the kind of investigation of Communists activity which Senator McCarthy formerly practiced, Nixon replied that he didn't think that sort of investigation was needed now, since President Eisenhower, by instituting a good security system, had taken "this issue out of the political arena."

NO PRINCIPLES

Yes, sir, that was a slick one! It implied that under what he likes to suggest are the fellow traveling Democrats, the McCarthy type of Roman circus was necessary, but that now, under that great and good man Eisenhower, it isn't, so Mister McCarthy can dedicate his noble talents to other issues. All of us amateur politicians must bow our head in reverence before such skill.

But it does bring to mind what the New York Times in its rather limp and halting endorsement of Eisenhower the other day went on to say about Nixon:

"He has conducted in 1956 a more moderate and more honorable campaign than he made in earlier years. But the memory of the divisive tactics of those earlier campaign years lingers, and Mr. Nixon's career has certainly not revealed much evidence of deeply rooted and consistently held principles. Party strategy, rather than party policy, has been Mr. Nixon's chief concern."

That's a very neat shot itself, the implication is that a man who has been dishonorable in the past has as yet given no sign that he has enough principle in his makeup to keep him from being dishonorable again. Yet all said so quietly.

WE DON'T HAVE TO!

The New York Times is one of the most reliable papers in the world in its news columns, and its editorials are informative, moderate, and goodhumored on the whole. Yet, when it comes to the showdown, the New York Times owing to its close tie-up with the world's financial center, has to step forth, swallow Ike, and endure Nixon.

Fortunately we labor people are under no such compulsion. We know that anyone voting for Eisenhower on November 6 must proceed on the assumption that it would be a fine thing for this country to have Trick Dick sitting in the White House thinking in terms of cute tactics and slick strategy. And we of labor make no such assumption.

ORGANIZED LABOR has purchased, equipped and presented a modern ambulance unit — paid for by AFL-CIO members — to Hagerstown, Md.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

The following unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 3 of this issue of the Journal.

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Williams & Altman Backed By BTC For Hospital Board

The Building Trades Council at its last meeting unanimously expressed its approval of the endorsement by the Southern Alameda County Voters League-AFL of Les Williams and Joyce Altman for election November 6 to the board of directors of Eden Township hospital.

Williams, former business representative of Hayward Carpenters 1622, addressed the council. He pointed out that the BTC was the first group to endorse him for election to the board of directors of the hospital some years ago. Williams was elected at that time.

"When we were working so hard to get the Eden Township hospital authorized and built," said Williams, "little did we dream that it would open behind a picket line."

Williams said that while he was on the board he managed to block various moves against the interests of the people, but that control was finally won by the Medical Association, and now there is no spokesman for labor on the board.

A large surplus was accumulated during the first year of operation, he said, but there seemed to be no thought of making improvements with it.

The Nurses Association won a representative election at the hospital, and was told by the administration to see the United Employers, who laid down a big NO on every proposal made by the nurses. The result is that the nursing has deteriorated, as nurses are quitting.

"Floyd Attaway of the Culinary Workers in Hayward is naturally much pleased to have some of these fine nurses who quit their hospital jobs go to work elsewhere as members of his union," said Williams, "but neither Attaway nor any good union man wants such conditions in the hospital that the nurses leave for other jobs."

Secret meetings of the board of directors violate the State's Brown Act, said Williams, and the directors were so informed, but when they learned that there was no penalty attached to the law forbidding such meetings, they went right ahead conducting the business of the hospital secretly.

"A lot more than endorsement of labor's candidates for the board is needed," said Williams. "This is a tough fight. To succeed in our effort to restore the hospital to the place in the community we of labor had planned for it when we worked so hard to get it established requires the winning of this election. And it must be remembered that the ballot will be crowded, with our names far down on the list."

William Marshall, Carpenters 1473, made the motion to confirm the action of the AFL Voters League in backing Williams and Altman.

Urgent Calls For Precinct Workers

Precinct workers are being called for by the Auto Workers Citizenship Council and by Joe Smith, chairman of the Stevenson-Kefauver campaign in Alameda County.

Arnold Callan, United Auto Workers subregional director, is conducting a mass distribution of literature and doorbell ringing for labor - endorsed candidates Sunday, October 28, beginning at 9 a.m. at the UAW subregional office at 7208 East 14th Street, Oakland. Several AFL members have already volunteered, but more are needed. The work will be organized with areas mapped out for each precinct worker.

After the work is completed, in 4 to 6 hours, all precinct workers are invited to return to 7208 East 14th for free refreshments, including beer, coffee, soft drinks, sandwiches, etc.

Smith asked the Central Labor Council delegates to take note that volunteers for precinct work can call his office, GLencourt 2-2000.

Guild's Charges

WASHINGTON (AFLCIO) — Publishers in New York City are refusing to bargain on new contracts as part of a "larger program of obstruction" fostered by the American Newspaper Publishers Association and its affiliates, the Newspaper Guild Executive Board charged at its quarterly meeting here.

LITTLE BOY MUCH IN NEED OF BLOOD

A 3½-year-old boy, both of whose parents are good union members is at Permanente hospital suffering from a very rare form of anemia. The little fellow is badly in need of blood and Elton Bovey, business representative of Newspaper & Periodical Drivers 96 says that the parents will be infinitely grateful to any one donating blood.

Any such blood donation should be made directly to Permanente.

The little sufferer's name is Dante Feole, and he is the son of William Feole, member of Local 96, and Eleanor Feole, member of a culinary union.

This particular form of anemia is very extremely rare. Since it became identifiable, there have been only a dozen cases known to physicians, and only 4 of these were in the United States.

'The Truth About' Labor Secretary

WASHINGTON (AFLCIO) — The enthusiastic claims Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell made on behalf of the Republican Administration's beneficence to the workers have been tested and found shoddy by the Democratic National Committee.

The allegations and their rebuttal were made public by Democratic National Chairman Paul M. Butler in a documented fact sheet entitled "The Truth About Labor Secretary Mitchell—His Claims and His Influence on the GOP."

The fact sheet, Butler said, "sets the record straight" on the claims. It also reveals "Mitchell's own lack of standing in the Republican Party and the Eisenhower Administration," he added.

It shows that Mitchell tried to claim Republican credit for Democratic accomplishments; tried to cover up Administration opposition to liberal measures; and indulged in "statistical slight-of-hand" in "padding" figures on employment gains, and in trying to give the GOP credit for workers' economic gains made under the Democratic Truman Administration.

In addition, it shows that Eisenhower rebuffed Mitchell on his proposals for repeal of so-called right to work laws in the states, for a fair employment practices commission, and for broadening the minimum wage law.

Non-AFLCIO Unions United for Battle

Two federations of independent unions have met in Chicago and voted to merge in order "to protect themselves from raids by AFLCIO unions."

The two groups, the membership of both being relatively small, have been called the National Independent Union Council and the Confederated Unions of America. The name of the proposed merger has not been announced.

Don Mahon of Des Moines, executive secretary of the NIUC, speaking for the two groups, joined the Hearst press, the NAM, and the Republican Party in criticizing the AFLCIO for endorsing Stevenson and Kefauver, declaring:

"We do not think it is proper that union leaders should endorse political candidates."

Screen Guild Head

HOLLYWOOD (AFLCIO) — Franklyn Farnum, silent screen star, has been named president of the Screen Extras Guild to succeed Richard H. Gordon, who died Sept. 20. Farnum's post as first vice president will be filled by Jeffery Sayre, an SEG founder and treasurer since its inception in 1945.

Why not pass this copy of East Bay Labor Journal on to a friend when you've finished reading it?

Kuchel Sued For Claiming Support By the Democrats

The Alameda County and State Central Committees of the Democratic Party have filed suit against Republican incumbent Senator Thomas H. Kuchel and his Alameda county co-chairmen, Alan A. Lindsay and Ernest M. Upshaw, to prevent the use of the name "Democrat," "Alameda County Democratic Committee," and "Democratic Chairman," in connection with Senator Kuchel's campaign for re-election.

The complaint recites previous use by the Republican senator of an "Alameda County Democratic Committee" in campaign mailings to registered Democrats "for the purpose of falsely representing that the Senator is endorsed or supported by the Democratic committee, clubs, or other official organs of the Democratic Party when that is not a fact."

In sworn affidavits filed in support of the action it is charged that five of the "Democratic" members of the committee are not registered voters at all, that one is registered Republican, and that one is registered "Declines to State."

Other sworn affidavits indicate that one Democrat's consent was obtained by the representation that she would be supporting the Republican Senator's Democratic opponent—State Senator Richard Richards, another sworn affidavit states that her consent was obtained by representation that she would be supporting the Democratic Party, and a third that she had not been asked at all concerning the use of her name in connection with the Republican Senator's campaign.

Further, a sworn affidavit states that the mailing of the "Alameda County Democratic Committee" for the re-election of Thomas H. Kuchel, in the 1956 Primary was accomplished by the use of the meter-mailing machine owned and possessed by the Republican Headquarters in Oakland.

The suit asks that the Alameda County Superior Court enjoin and restrain the Republican Senator and his campaign committee from using the name "Alameda County Democratic Committee," or any other name including the word "Democrat" for the "purpose of falsely representing that the Republican Senator is endorsed or supported by any organ of the Democratic Party when that is not the fact."

The action was filed by Attorney Robert P. Brorby.

Ike Veto Threat Weakens Benefits

WASHINGTON (AFLCIO) — The 2,100,000 federal employees and their 6 million dependents are now drawing substantial new retirement - survivor benefits, thanks to a law enacted this year which went into effect Oct. 1.

Hailed as the most important civil service reform enacted by the 84th Congress, the measure provides over \$340 million additional in benefits to retired federal workers and their families at a cost to them of only \$45 million a year. Employee contributions to the civil service retirement fund rose to 8½ percent from 6 percent when the new benefits went into effect.

The measure was pushed through in the closing days of the last Congress by the Democratic leadership. A threat of a presidential veto, however, caused the watering down of some of the benefits in the original bill by Sen. Olin D. Johnston (D., S.C.) after it had passed the Senate.

The final measure contained employee benefits considerably greater than those proposed by the Administration.

State Labor Press Session Nov. 17, 18

The annual State Federation of Labor Press conference, attended by labor editors, managers, board members and others interested in the labor press, will be held Saturday and Sunday, November 17 and 18.

C. J. Haggerty, Federation executive secretary, announces that the conference will be held in Fresno.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NOVEMBER 6 ELECTION

Alameda County

Following are the recommendations on candidates by the Alameda County Voters League-AFL for the November 6 general election:

PRESIDENT

Adlai E. Stevenson, Dem.

VICE PRESIDENT

Estes Kefauver, Dem.

U. S. SENATE

State Senator Richard Richards, Dem.

HOUSE

6th: H. Roberts Quinney, Dem.

STATE SENATE

17th: Senator George Miller Jr., Dem.

ASSEMBLY

10th: Donald D. Doyle, Rep.

11th: S. C. Masterson, Dem.

SUPERVISORS

2nd: Clarence R. Wallace

5th: Jacob Frederickson

Propositions Up November 6

Following are the recommendations of Alameda County Voters League-AFL on the 19 propositions on the ballot in the general election November 6:

STATE PROPOSITIONS

1—Veterans Bond Act YES

2—School Bonds YES

3—State Construction Bonds YES

4—Oil and Gas Establishments YES

5—Alcoholic Beverage Establishments YES

6—Church Exemption: Parking Lots YES

7—State Legislature Sessions No recommendation

8—Legislative Budget Gov't No recommendation

9—Borough Form of County Contract Architects and Engineers YES

10—State Civil Service: Charters No recommendation

11—Framing County 12—State Indebtedness NO

13—Repealing Alien Land Law YES

14—Legislative Employees No recommendation

15—Public Water Supplies No recommendation

16—Civil and Criminal Appeals YES

17—Constitutional Provisions Relating to Judiciary No recommendation

18—Inferior Court Judges NO

19—State Boundaries YES

Contra Costa Co.

Following are the recommendations on candidates for the November 6 general elections, made by the Contra Costa County AFLCIO Committee on Political Education (COPE):

PRESIDENT

Adlai E. Stevenson, Dem.

U. S. Behind Times

WASHINGTON (AFLCIO) — Soviet Russia "shifted gears" on foreign aid three years ago, but the United States is "still planning its foreign aid on the basis of the war in Korea— which has been over three years."

Senator Hubert Humphrey (D., Minn.), member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and member of the U. S. delegation to the United Nations, urged re-orientation of U. S. foreign assistance.

"This Administration has been building up military assistance when the Soviet has been stressing economic assistance. It has been cutting down economic aid where they've been building up," declared Humphrey.

"THE SOVIET UNION— Communism Changing Outlook" will be the subject of Dr. Alfred Fisks' lecture on Tuesday evening, October 30, at 7:30 p.m., in the Claremont Junior High School auditorium, 5750 College Avenue, according to Wendell Moore, principal.

Reuther acted after the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics announced that in mid-July, the cost of living reached an all-time high.

At the same time he charged the Eisenhower Administration with failure to keep the anti-inflation pledge in its 1952 platform, and declared that the 4 cents an hour increase for more than one million UAW members will receive as a result of the jump in the Consumer's Price Index "demonstrates the soundness of the UAW wage policy."

"REPUBLICAN CHAIRMAN Leonard Hall said Ike looks one million percent, which is marvelous without being either medical or mathematical." — Kansas City Star.

He said that if the picnic were made an annual Labor Day affair, as there has been some talk of doing, he believed that with proper time to organize, a golf tournament with some 100 to 150 players would develop.

Results of the golf tournament were announced as follows:

Medalist, Andrew Laey, Auto Workers, 78 gross; First Flight—Ray McGee, Painter, Maker 1101, net 65; tied for second and third place, Lacy and Arthur Larieux, Dining Car Cooks and Waiters, nets 67; 4th winner, John Vanier, Steelworkers.

Second Flight—Rudy Ortega, Auto Workers, net 72; tied for second and third place, Jack Silva, Teamsters, and Brooks Auto Workers, nets 74; 4th winner, Louis Barnes, Dining Car Cooks and Waiters, net 75.

Third Flight—First winner, Jack Kopke, Paint Makers 1101, net 77; second, Al McClintock, Letter Carriers, net 81; third, Al

AFLCIO Picnic Draws 15,000 People, Helps Nov. 6 Election

The meeting of the Central Labor Council this week was dominated by enthusiastic reports on the success of the first annual AFLCIO picnic held at Tilden Park Sunday.

Les Moore, Auto & Ship Painters 1176, said that he checked with the experienced park ranger to get a sound estimate of the number of people who came to the picnic.

The ranger said that judging by the way parking spaces were filled, and by other standard used in estimating the crowds at the park, there were between 15,000 and 16,000 visitors to the park Sunday.

Of this number, said the ranger, judging by past Sunday's casual attendance, about 1,000 persons were in the park who were not there for the picnic.

"So apparently there were between 14,000 and 15,000 people at the picnic," summarized Moore. "We all felt it was a very great success."

The financial report was not complete, but already a substantial sum of money had been turned over to the campaign funds of State Senator Richard Richards, running for U. S. Senator; Dr. Laurence L. Cross, running for the House of Representatives in the 7th District, and for the reelection of Congressman George P. Miller in the 8th District.

The picnic was held to raise money for these candidates under the terms of the Taft-Hartley Act, which requires that no money be paid out of union treasuries for candidates for Congress in either branch but that contributions must be voluntary, by individuals.

Individual union members bought dollar tickets to the picnic. The picnic was managed by a committee of representatives of the Central Labor Council, Building Trades Council, and CIO Council.

LETTERS OF PRAISE

Jack Kopke, Paint Makers 1101, said at the CLC meeting that when the picnic was first proposed, and he realized that there was so short a time to prepare for it, he did not dream that it could be made such a success.

"I think the people who worked so hard to make it a success should receive letters of praise from this council," he added.

Haircut Applause Is Slow But Sure

When John Juhlin, Barbers 134, made the official announcement in the Central Labor Council Monday night that the price of a haircut was advanced from \$1.75 to \$2.00, there was good natured booing.

When he completed his report, however, there was applause and handclapping. Barbers' wage scale has advanced from the former \$1.64 an hour to \$1.85.

President John F. Quinn said that he had asked an officer of Local 134 whether bald men would get a cheaper rate, but was informed that if anything the rate would be higher for them, as the barber had to waste precious time looking for the bald men's remnants of thatch.

In years past, when the anti-labor Oakland Tribune has raised Cain editorially about the advance of price in haircuts, East Bay Labor Journal has pointed out that the rise in the price per copy of the Tribune itself has been higher in percentage terms than that of haircuts.

High Auto Worker To Talk Politics

United Auto Workers Vice President Leonard Woodcock will speak on the current political situation at the Leamington Bowl, Hotel Leamington, at 8 p.m. Monday, October 29. All interested are invited to attend by UAW Subregional Director Arnold Callan, who says that among other things Woodcock will discuss the attacks upon labor's 1956 political action program.

Woodcock's father was blacklisted for striking an auto plant in the early 1930s, and when the son went to work in the industry in 1933 he promptly joined an AFL federal union which later became a unit of the UAW. He now heads the two largest departments in the UAW, General Motors and Aircraft.

HOW TO BUY

Home Owners Fooled by Schemes
By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Right across the country, homeowners are still being fooled into buying costly home improvements by dealers' tricks, and the new broader FHA loans, represent a new opportunity for unscrupulous sellers. There seems no end to the tricks and no end to the gullibility of moderate-income families.

One way homeowners are misled is by a new variation of the "model-home" trick. In the standard version the homeowner is promised fees for allowing salesmen to show his home - improvement job to other prospects. In the new version, he is told he will be paid for names of prospects.

In New Jersey, recently, Mrs. C. L. S. reports, "Two men came to our house from a fire-detection service in Newark, and talked so well about their fire warning system that my husband and I had one put in. The contract price was \$425. I received a payment book from a bank. The payments are \$15.24 a month for 36 months (a total of \$548.64—ed.). What I can't understand is that the man said it wouldn't cost me a penny as long as I send in three names each month. If they make a sale to any of the names, I get something. He said some soap company was paying for it. The men left a small bank with \$15 in it for a start they said, and I could put in the other money they would send me. I sent in names for two months but so far I haven't received any more money, just the book of slips from the bank which I have to pay."

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the fact that the promise was verbal and the written contract and note the buyer signed said nothing about it. The seller then turned the note over to a bank, got their money, and dropped out of the picture. The bank now wants the payments. The family is left with an expensive fire alarm system. Typically, it never even got other estimates to see if the system could be installed at less cost, if it actually does need a fire-warning system. On top of this, it must also pay a finance charge of \$123.

Home fire-alarm systems have become a widely-used vehicle for leading uninformed homeowners into financial traps. Sellers frighten families with motion pictures of houses burning up with people in them. The Federal Trade Commission recently got a consent order prohibiting one company, the National Fire Safety Council, from using such scare tactics or false claims. The complaint charged salesmen used scare tactics to arouse parents emotionally to the need to protect their homes and children from fire, and misrepresented the fees they would owe homeowners for referring them to other prospects. The sellers also agreed to tell buyers in advance that carrying charges would be added to the price; that their notes would be turned over to banks for collection, and that their salesmen are actually salesmen and not only demonstrators, and have no connection with the U. S. or state government or civic associations.

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OFFICIAL NOTICES

To All Members of East Bay Automotive Machinists 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 P.M. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

Steamfitters Union, Local 342

Our next meeting to be held on November 1, 1956, will be a special called meeting for the purpose of hearing reports of delegates who attended the California State Federation of Labor and United Association conventions. The resolution pertaining to increasing dues one dollar per month will also be acted upon at this meeting.

Our union's off-year election of officers for the years 1957-58 will be held on December 9, 1956.

The first reading of registrants will be on November 1, 1956. Registrations will be closed on November 8.

The second reading of registrants will be on November 15. Sunday, December 9, 1956 will be a Special Called meeting.

Fraternally Yours,
JAMES MARTIN,
Fin. Sec'y, Bus. Mgr.
Steamfitters Union No. 342

Clerks & Lumber Handlers 939

There was no meeting of this local October 12, due to the officers being in attendance at the international convention in Chicago.

But the regular meeting of Friday, October 26, will be held as usual.

Yours fraternally,
A. R. ESTES,
Recording Secretary

Hayward Painters 1178

A regular meeting of this local is called for Friday evening, November 2, next. However, there will be reports by our delegates to different affiliates of a political character about candidates for offices, both local and national. These reports should concern all of us.

For those of you who didn't attend the last meeting, this will tell you that the members of Local 1178 voted to accept the recent bid on a new life insurance policy with the same coverage that we have in the present one—and some other possible benefits financially. It will take some time to make the change over to the new company, however.

Fraternally Yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

Sheet Metal Workers Local No. 216

Death Assessment No. 400 is now due and payable. Brother James T. Maloney, No. 103,886, a member of Local No. 104, San Francisco, passed away on September 4, 1956.

Fraternally Yours,
LLOYD CHILD,
Business Representative

UC Employees 371

The regular monthly meeting will be held Saturday, November 3, at 8 p.m., in Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut Street, Berkeley. The executive board will meet at 7 p.m.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Fraternally Yours,
WALTER N. RENYER,
Secretary-Treasurer

East Bay Municipal Employees No. 390

IMPORTANT SPECIAL MEETING:

All public employees in the East Bay are urged to attend a special candidates' night meeting of Local 390 to be held Thursday, November 1, at 8 p.m., in Herman Sons Hall, 7th and University, two blocks west of San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley.

All candidates for office in Alameda and Contra Costa counties have been invited to attend. Special guest speaker for the evening will be Brother Joe W. Chaudet, general manager of East Bay Labor Journal.

This is a most important meeting, a chance for all public employees to get together, meet candidates, and hear of labor's stake in the November election. You are urged to attend.

Yours Fraternally,
EDWARD REITH,
Business Representative

School Employees No. 257

The next regular meeting will be held at 1918 Grove Street, November 3, at 2 p.m.

There will be nomination of officers for 1957.

Executive board meets at 10 a.m.

Yours Fraternally,
JOE FALLS,
Secretary

Painters Local 127

The next meeting of the local will come after the election, so we want once more to tell the members to be sure and get out and vote.

Also to read the endorsements on the front page of the East Bay Labor Journal, as who and what propositions are the right votes for labor and a working man.

Brother members, also tell your friends and neighbors to get out and vote. This is a big year for labor.

The next meeting of the local will be Nov. 8, 1956, at 8 p.m. Let's see more of you members at the last few meetings of 1956.

Fraternally Yours,
EDGAR S. GULBRANSEN,
Recording Secretary

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'We Have Yet to Find an Humble Republican'

Editor, Labor Journal:

I would like to comment on the letter you printed recently concerning the "contamination" of a Republican lady's mailbox with our very informative and truthful paper.

This lady shows, clearly the snobbery and disdain which seems typical of the Republican voter. Hers is not an isolated incident. My husband and I are active in many civic and governmental organizations and come in contact with people of all races, creeds and political views. We have yet to find a humble Republican. Their feelings of pride and superiority seem to stem from the fact the Republican party is run more as an "upper crust fraternity" than as a political organization endeavoring to bring good government to ALL people.

During the Republican Women's Convention in Chicago recently, several members being interviewed on the radio by Don McNeill of the Breakfast Club were so rude and snobbish that Mr. McNeill was forced to admonish them publicly . . . and in another incident, a friend of mine from the Midwest, holding two Master's degrees from a leading University, there made the ignorant and bigoted statement that "she knew she must have moved into a neighborhood of Democrats by the smell of frying pork chops in the air." I told her, as I would like to tell this "decontaminated" lady now, that the Republicans may have a monopoly on bad manners, but they do not have it on Roast Beef, Brains or Integrity.

I do NOT believe Mr. Eisenhower is the humble and integral man he was in '56, four years of politics and suave handling have changed him considerably. He now appears a pretty smooth politician geared to the push offices of the executive. He has been skillfully led through a "brainwashing" that even he does not recognize. The convenience of having Dick Nixon do the dirty work of campaigning has maintained the fallacy of Eisenhower's clean hands and moral integrity.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Marvix.

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Insurance Workers

BUFFALO, N. Y. (AFLCIO)—Democratic candidates Adlai Stevenson and Estes Kefauver have been unanimously endorsed by the General Executive Board of the Insurance Workers of America, meeting here.

The board's resolution scored the present Republican Administration for promoting legislation "top-heavy in its benefits to the wealthy few and devoid of gains for the low and middle - income majority of Americans."

Michael Walsh

UTICA, N. Y. (AFLCIO)—Michael Walsh, a veteran of more than half a century in the labor movement and an AFL-CIO field representative for 35 years who was widely known throughout the country, died of a heart attack at his home here. He was 76.

"THE STEVENSON-KEFAUVER ticket is running ahead of Eisenhower - Nixon in Iowa-Register and Tribune.

Reds in Mexico

MEXICO CITY—In a change of Communist tactics in Mexico, the word has gone out to concentrate on the communization of youth. This is in keeping with a new policy of the young, and especially students, on a worldwide basis. The modification of the Communist line has been deemed necessary since Mexican workers are paying little attention to Red blandishments.—Labor's Daily.

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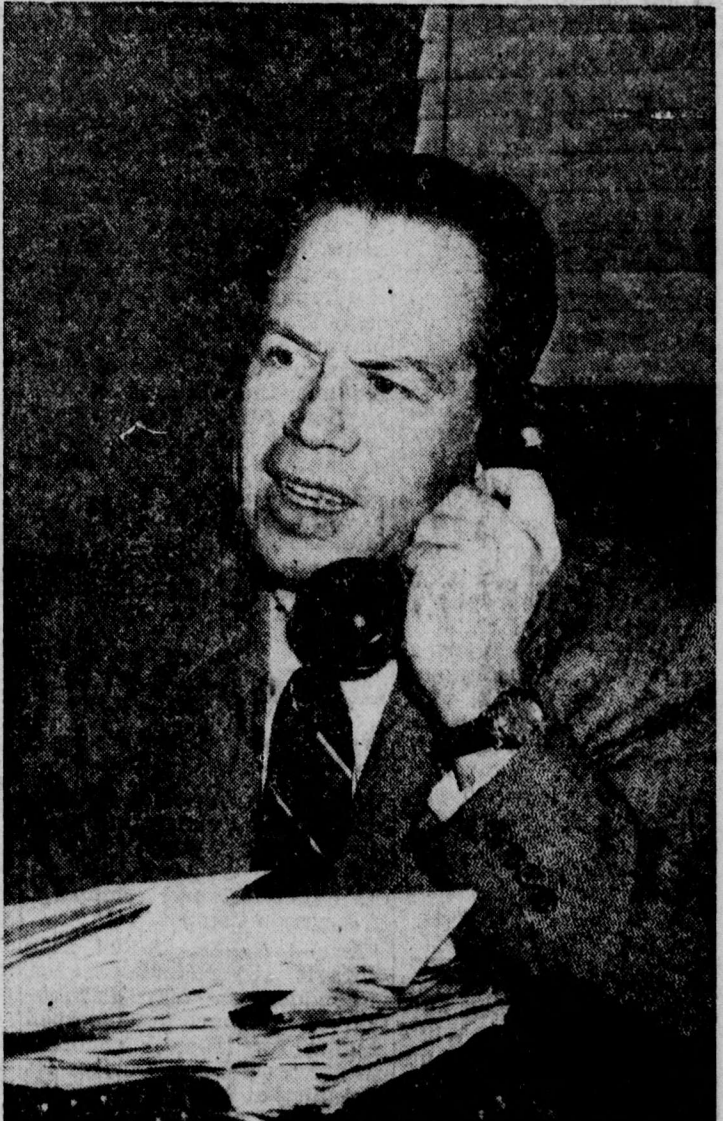
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NEW YORK (AFLCIO) — A detailed analysis of two decades of Soviet anti-Semitic outbursts has led the American Jewish Committee to conclude that, despite confessions of guilt, "there has been no official repudiation of anti-Jewish measures, no rehabilitation of Jewish leadership and institutions."

In making the analysis public, the committee warned that "the present Communist confessions cannot be interpreted as evidence of significant change in the Soviet's official policy toward ethnic groups."

"Neither partial confessions nor promises of better behavior augur well for the future," it added.

Labor Reports on Affairs of World

WASHINGTON (AFLCIO) — The AFLCIO Department of International Affairs has begun publication of a bi-monthly publication dealing with international affairs and the trade union movement.

The first issue of the eight-page Bulletin covers AFLCIO recommendations on foreign policy to the platform committees of the Democratic and Republican parties, detailed accounts of recent International Labor Organization and International Confederation of Free Trade Union meetings, a report on labor in Guatemala and brief items on labor developments elsewhere in the world.

B-82: Tell Union Your Job Needs

By JOE CONNELLY

Job requests come in almost daily to the union business office. In many cases we could assist a member in obtaining more hours, or if the circumstances so dictate perhaps shorter hours.

Unfortunately many members do not make their wishes known to the business office. Perhaps a member will move a considerable distance from their former abode and place of employment. A job with a like number of hours may be available within walking distance of their new home, thus eliminating time spent in traveling and transportation costs.

For instance, we recently had a full time all day cashier shift in, with no employed members listed to fill it. Undoubtedly there were cashiers getting less hours or relief cashiers who could have qualified for the job.

At this writing we have top floor job in, with requirements that the applicant be able to relieve in the box-office and on the candy counter.

Of course, before making a change it is wise to weigh how much vacation time you have already built up on your present job.

This is no attempt to pirate help, but to aid members who are contemplating a change. It is better to keep them within the industry than to see them leave it completely.

Too, it is necessary to give a week's notice to your present employer, if you have been employed by the theatre for over 30 days, unless it is mutually agreeable to both parties that a lesser notice is acceptable.

Members are advised to call in and let the office know their wishes. Naturally, this only applies to paid-up members in good standing, as we try to keep the lines as free as possible for employers calling in with job openings. This is just another service of your union.

Watchmakers Get New Pact Signed

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

This week we signed a new union agreement in Sunnyvale and obtained a new member of the union. Silvers of that city is the signatory to the contract and Samuel Macri is the watchmaker employed. Macri will be initiated at the next membership meeting held in San Jose. The members who were present at the last meeting in San Jose will recall Macri being present at that meeting as he did work for Jules Bozzi of San Jose for a very short period.

We are happy to be able to report that Brother Emil Balangero whom you all know has been ill for some time, is progressing nicely. He can now have visitors at his home and any member who wishes his address may obtain same by calling the union office.

Steamfitters: Jobs in Saudi Arabia

By JAMES MARTIN

Due to the crowded agenda at our last two meetings the reports of your delegates to the California State Federation of Labor and United Association conventions have not been heard, therefore, our next meeting will be held on November 1 will be a special called meeting for the purpose of hearing these reports. The resolution pertaining to increasing the dues one dollar per month will also be acted upon at this meeting.

The Bechtel Corporation has notified this office that they have openings available at the present time in Saudi Arabia with International Bechtel Builders, Inc., for pipefitters and welders with refinery, pipeline and pumping station experience. For your information a summary of job conditions and benefits and locations of Bechtel offices is listed as follows:

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Kuchel Praised by Federal Unionist

L. Wayne Thomas, president of the California State Federation of Federal Employees, has commended U. S. Senator T. H. Kuchel for his "interest in the welfare of federal employees and your support of our legislation before the 84th Congress."

Kuchel voted for an increase in postal employees' pay and also voted to override the presidential veto of the pay-raise bill in the 84th Congress.

Because of Kuchel's "interest and support," Thomas said, "Federal employees now enjoy a greatly liberalized retirement act and many other fringe benefits which they will enjoy for years to come. The passage of such legislation encourages able and efficient government workers to remain on the job even though private industry offers so much more in comparison."

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

Boeing Workers In Contract Gain

WICHITA (AFLCIO). — Significant contract gains were won by 16,000 Boeing Airplane Company workers on the eve of a strike deadline as the Machinists concluded their 1955 negotiations with major aircraft and guided missile producers.

The pact was ratified by a vote of 3 to 1 at a meeting described as the largest union assembly to be held in Kansas. Uninterrupted production of the B-47 and B-52 long-range bombers was assured by the union vote.

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Anti-Red Seminars

NEW YORK (AFLCIO) — A series of three seminars for members of pro-democratic organizations "to prepare them against the new Communist line of infiltration into and encroachment upon Negro, labor, civic and fraternal bodies" has been initiated by the Jewish Labor Committee.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

Museum Appeal

NEW YORK (AFLCIO) — Pres. David J. McDonald of the Steelworkers appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show, on CBS network.

McDonald, together with Pierre S. DuPont, III, made a joint plea for contributions for a nation-wide fund - raising goal for the American Museum of Immigration.

Want to Discuss Global Politics?

World Politics Discussion Groups will be organized this month in Berkeley, Hayward, Livermore, Oakland, Orinda, and Walnut Creek.

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United Labor Condemns Prop. No. 4!

AFL

The California State Federation of Labor, with 1,300,000 members, unanimously condemns Proposition No. 4.

In two resolutions, adopted without dissent by 2,000 delegates at the State AFL's Long Beach Convention on August 15, the Federation denounced Proposition No. 4 as "an anti-labor monopoly bill which means fewer jobs, higher gas prices and higher taxes."

All of labor would be hit by this job-cutting bill. The State Federation declares it will cost 10,000 jobs in the oilfields, 30,000 more jobs in trades, crafts and industries supplying the oil industry.

Looking ahead, the State Federation warns that "the same forces backing Proposition No. 4 are financing 'right to work' legislation, and plan to put it on the ballot by initiative..."

CIO

The CIO-California Industrial Union Council, with 200,000 members, unanimously condemns Proposition No. 4. The State CIO declared in a statement adopted by its Political Action Committee:

"Fundamentally, Proposition No. 4 is another step towards monopoly... Sponsored by a few big oil companies, representing less than half of the State's oil production, it would give them cartel control domestically, and a vast opportunity to import low-wage oil from their Middle Eastern concessions."

"Beyond the immediate harm to oil workers, Proposition No. 4 would hurt all of labor by reducing the oil industry market for steel rigging, tubing, special trucks, tires, etc.—thus reducing employment opportunities in steel, auto, rubber and other industries and crafts."

"It would harm us as workers, consumers and taxpayers."

'PAT' BROWN SAYS: VOTE 'NO'

California's Attorney General Edmund G. "Pat" Brown recently completed an exhaustive study of Proposition No. 4. He pointed out the oil control bill is full of "gimmicks"—each one of them harmful to the people. Here is Attorney General Brown's advice to all voters:

"I shall vote against Proposition 4."

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OPINIONS

THE FACT IS . . .

The fact is that Democrats know how to talk to working people better than Republicans do. It is not merely that they present more appealing programs. They know how to present them in a more appealing way. Jefferson and Jackson were so effective in their appeal to the common people that they drove their opponents to despair. That austere scholar, Woodrow Wilson, drew crowds of union men who drank in every word. And he, too, did not talk down. The Democratic party has been a divided party, a rowdy party, a curiously up-and-down and in-and-out party. But it has persistently exhibited an effective knack for breaking through to the common people.—Wm. E. Bohn in New Leader.

MOLEY'S SCARED

It may well be that this will prove to be the most terrific drive by a minority in the history of American politics, and that Republicans, now so complacent about the certainty that President Eisenhower will even spare them the trouble of going to the polls, will awaken on the day after the election to the grim prospect of a Congress completely dominated by the AFLCIO. In that event, it is by no means certain that the Eisenhower-Nixon ticket will not go down in the general rout.—Raymond Moley, anti-labor, anti-liberal columnist.

LEGISLATURE

Plans are underway by State Democratic leaders not only to make the best possible campaign for Stevenson, but to try and capture the State Legislature for the first time in almost two decades as well. It would take very little shift in State Senate and Assembly seats to bring about a Democratic legislative victory this important year, and the party winning this time around will be in the saddle in Sacramento when the all-important, 10-year reapportionment of legislative districts is decided in 1961.—Whitaker & Baxter.

OPTIMIST

"A real optimist is a guy who figures he has a pretty good chance to win on a lottery ticket but not the slightest chance of getting killed in a traffic accident.—Jack Garrison, Camp Mather innkeeper.

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EDITORIALS

Now We Learn That Labor Is A Snake Hypnotizing Rabbits

Not long ago there was a very amusing headline in Oakland Tribune:

Realtors Urged to Get Into Politics

To us that was as though the headline had said: "Ducks Advised to Learn How to Swim." For anyone who has ever tried to help get a public housing bill through any legislative body, or any other measure affecting the national setup of local branch of NAREB, National Association of Real Estate Boards, knows that our good friends the real estate men, swing a hefty fist in political affairs.

The same speaker at the convention of real estate men which was honored by that amusing headline insisted that business men in general weren't paying enough attention to politics. And a little later, speaking in Detroit, Cola G. Parker, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, referring with horror to the political activity of labor people, declared:

"Business men of America sit like rabbits hypnotized by a snake, seemingly helpless to organize a program to defend the American political and economic system."

If such blather were worthy of being taken seriously, a labor man or woman might ask with some indignation just what Mr. Cola G. Parker means by implying that labor's political efforts are aimed against "the American political and economic system." One might even go on to ask if it isn't an attack on the American political and economic system to designate as a snake an institution so well established under our laws and Constitution as the American labor movement.

In fact, one might go farther and ask just how helpless these "rabbits," the business men, have been in the presence of this "snake," the labor movement, when for years these "rabbits" have had in the White House a front man for the operations of Big Business. (Actually, of course, many of the smaller business men, including real estate men, are going against their own interest if they assume they are helping themselves by going along with the front man in the White House and the big corporations trying to keep him there.)

The fundamental attitude of men like the NAM president, the big interests he represents, and the political party which is trying to put over the misinformed front man in the White House, was well expressed many years ago. That classic expression was from the lips of George F. Baer, the big coal operator who led the effort to crush the coal strike of the early part of this century. Said Baer:

"The rights and interests of the laboring man will be protected and cared for not by the labor agitators but by the Christian men to whom God in his infinite wisdom has given the control of the property interests of this country."

They don't dare say it so openly now, and they send Tricky Dick Nixon around to tell us we're going to have a 4-day regular works week pretty soon, but their attitude remains the same. That's why labor doesn't trust them or their front men, Eisenhower and Nixon, and is so resolute to elect Stevenson and Kefauver on November 6.

No. 10 Means Bread and Butter

Proposition No. 10 on the November 6 ballot, which has been recommended for a YES vote by the Alameda County Voters League-AFL, is of special importance to building trades workers. The measure is intended to speed up construction of highways, schools, hospitals. It provides that the Legislature may enact laws permitting the use by the State of private engineers and architects under contracts.

This would expedite work "which the available staff of a State agency is unable to perform within the time the public interest requires such work to be done."

The Labor Votes Yes on No. 10 Committee, headed by C. J. Haggerty, executive secretary, State Federation of Labor, says in a press release:

"Passage of No. 10 will mean that instead of building projects being held up for months and even years because of a shortage of architects and engineers in a State agency, the State may go ahead with the project by employing the needed technical aid. Vote YES on No. 10. The job you save may be your own."

That final sentence should be noted as applying to others than building tradesmen. For the jobs of many of us are tied up with the building and construction industry. The more people are out of work in any industry the less secure are our own jobs.

Transit District and Eden Hospital

In the maze of election struggles, we mustn't overlook two very important elections very close to home.

One is the proposal to establish the Alameda-Contra Costa Rapid Transit District. Organized labor recommends the adoption of this Proposition A, and further recommends the election of certain candidates to the board of directors if the proposition is adopted. Two of these candidates, J. L. Childers, business representative of the Building Trades Council, and James Curry, business representative of the Millwrights, are of course especially well known to labor people.

The other important local matter is the electing of some friends of labor to the board of directors of Mt. Eden Hospital. Les Williams and Joyce Altman are labor's candidates. It is to be hoped that labor people in the Hayward area will turn out in large numbers and vote for them.

ALUMINUM AWNINGS

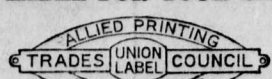
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Family Farm Loss Threatens Nation

WASHINGTON (AFLCIO) — The Family Farms Subcommittee of the House Agriculture Committee, after extensive hearings throughout the country, has warned in its report that the disappearance of 300,000 family farms in the last four years is a serious threat to the American economy.

Headed by Rep. Clark W. Thompson (D., Tex.), the subcommittee said that supplanting of the family system of farming by an industrial-type agriculture—a trend which has increased in recent years—would be "a serious blow to America's free enterprise system."

"This subcommittee is convinced that by the proportion the nation permits a lessening of the number of opportunities for venture into individual enterprise—for one to own his own farm or his own business—then by an even larger measure will the free enterprise system be weakened," the report said.

The committee said that the deterioration of the economic structure of the family farm was due primarily to technological developments and the general weakening of the farm economy. It called for immediate action by the federal government "to assure each family size farm its share in the nation's agricultural production and in the prosperity which the American system has provided for the nation's general economy."

They Get Together!

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AFLCIO) — The first joint meeting of union representatives of 8,000 organized workers in the John-Manville Corp. was held here attended by delegates from the Oil, Chemical & Atomic Workers, the International Chemical Workers, Wood Workers and a Federal Labor Union.

Profits, Dividends Are Doing Nicely

WASHINGTON (AFLCIO) — Profits and dividends are still doing nicely by big business and those who own it.

Very nicely, in fact. Corporate profits in the first half of 1956 were up 8 percent over the comparable 1955 period despite a drop in the auto industry's take, and were 34 percent more than in the first half of 1954. In dollars, they were \$43.6 billion before taxes this year and \$40.4 billion in first-half of 1955. After taxes, they were \$21.6 billion in the first six months of 1956, compared to \$20 billion for the 1955 period and \$16.1 billion in 1954.

Cash dividends paid by corporations which issue public reports are running about 15 percent higher than last year, according to a Department of Commerce report. In August payments amounted to \$293 million, or nearly \$30 million more than in August 1955.

Transport Service Leader for Adlai

CHICAGO (AFLCIO) — Willard S. Townsend, president of the United Transport Service Employees' Union, has "wholeheartedly" endorsed the action of the AFLCIO General Executive Board in urging the election of Stevenson and Kefauver.

Townsend, an Executive Council member, who was ill when the Council recommended endorsement of the Democratic ticket and when the board met recently in Chicago, wrote AFLCIO President George Meany that the country "is drifting perilously while a part-time President flounders in evasions and uncertainties. I believe Adlai Stevenson is the man to give us required leadership."

4 Beds Offered to State Convention

Sam Blanford, Machinists 84, told the Central Labor Council this week that he'd read in the Tribune that the State Federation of Labor will hold its 1957 convention here.

"Then I read in East Bay Labor Journal," he added, "that the Building Trades Council won't join in the invitation to the Federation to meet here, on the ground that there aren't enough hotel and motel rooms to handle a big convention."

Blanford said he would accordingly offer the convention for its use when the time comes. Two bedrooms with twin beds in each.

In more serious vein he suggested that a committee get to work at once lining up rooms for the convention next fall. President John F. Quinn said that a committee is now working on the problem.

4 Rich Families Equal COPE Giving

WASHINGTON (AFLCIO) — The political contributions of the four American families in the 1952 presidential campaign, "just about matched" the total expenses of the AFLCIO Committee on Political Education in 1956, COPE told a Senate committee.

Appearing at hearings of the Senate Election subcommittee, which is assuming a "watch-dog" role over the 1956 campaign, COPE Co-Directors James L. McDevitt and Jack Kroll said that the contributions of the Pew, DuPont, Rockefeller and Mellon families in the 1952 elections, almost equalling the COPE expenses this year, put COPE's treasury and financial resources in proper perspective.

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Booklet Describes The AFLCIO Mural

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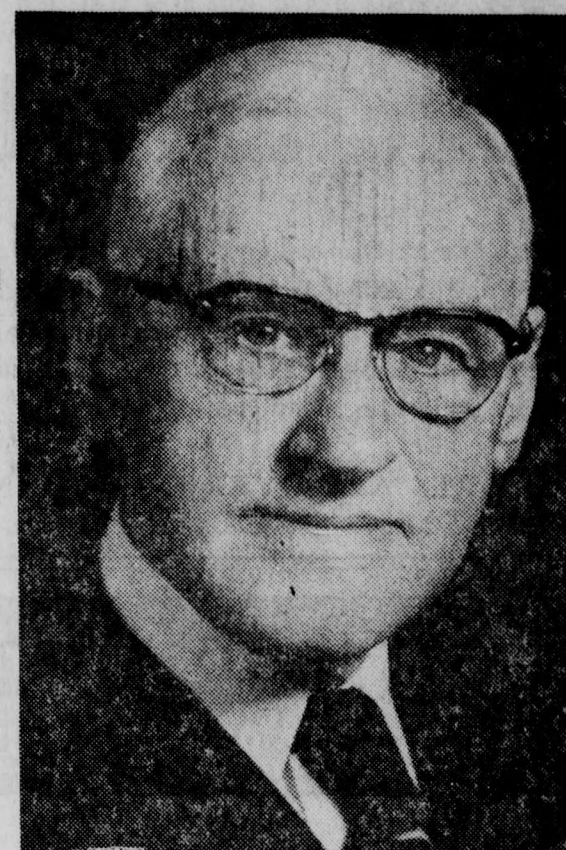
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